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TO : Chief, Industrial Division

FROM : Chief, Guided Missile Branch

SUBJECT: Monthly Report, March 1959

DATE: 3 April 1959

1. Support to Other Agencies and Components:

a. The Office of Training is currently presenting a training course for DD/P case officers on the subject of "Scientific and Technical Collection". Much of this course is concerned with the guided missiles field which OTR like most other Agency components associated principally with OSI. Discussions between I/GM and OTR personnel during March have resulted in an improved understanding by OTR of the role of ORR in assessing the production and deployment aspects of the Soviet missile program. As a result, OTR has requested I/GM assistance in this project. I/GM will participate by lecturing and providing materials and suggestions for the course.

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b. On March 10th, [redacted] briefed the [redacted] on current estimates of Soviet missile capabilities and production and deployment programs. Considerable emphasis in the briefing was placed on collection approaches which may provide significant information on the Soviet missile program. The visitor indicated he probably could contribute in this field if the guidance could be provided. This proved to be a most valuable encounter.

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c. During the week of March 8-13, [redacted] participated in a training course for [redacted] on the collection of guided missiles intelligence information. During this course [redacted] presented a briefing on industrial observations and [redacted] presented briefings on Soviet missile production and deployment indicators.

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d. A special memorandum was prepared for the DCI outlining the meaning and significance of "mobility" as it pertains to guided missile systems.

e. On separate occasions Chief, I/GM, briefed WE, EE and SR Divisions (DD/P) personnel on various aspects of his recent visit in Europe.

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2. Status of Projects:

a. The branch's initial contribution to GMAIC on Intelligence Assumptions for 1959 NESC exercise (Project 37.2482) was forwarded 30 March. The CIA position was largely adopted by GMAIC.

b. Other Projects: unchanged.

3. Other:

The branch is continuing to investigate methods of machine handling of data which might prove useful in support of several research projects now underway. Discussions have been held with OCR on certain of these. Additionally, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met with representatives of OSI and [REDACTED] to discuss a proposed pilot study which would involve machining certain data possibly common to both the guided missiles and AE fields. OSI is preparing a staff study of this program and will coordinate it with ORR. [REDACTED] and OSI personnel also met with representatives of the IBM Company on the subject of machine processing intelligence data.

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